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SUBJECT: SWAPO LEADERS DETAINED UNDER NEW SECURITY PROCLAMATION

1. TWELVE SWAPO MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE THREE HIGHEST RANKING  
EXECUTIVES STILL IN NAMIBIA, WERE DETAINED BETWEEN APRIL 24 AND  
26 UNDER A.G. 26, THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL'S NEW SECURITY  
PROCLAMATION (CAPE TOWN 780). ACCORDING TO AFRIKAANS  
PRESS REPORTS FROM WINDHOEK, ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL STEYN  
COMMENTED THAT THE DETAINEES WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY  
"TO INSURE THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
TERRITORY TAKES PLACE IN A PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC MANNER."

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STEYN ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT UNSPECIFIED STEPS WILL BE  
TAKEN. AN OFFICIAL IN STEYN'S OFFICE TOLD US THE DETENTIONS  
ARE PURELY PREVENTIVE, THERE ARE NO PLANS TO LAY CHARGES,  
AND IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW LONG THE TWELVE WILL BE HELD.

2. THE THREE SWAPO EXECUTIVES DETAINED WERE JASON ANGULA  
(SECRETARY FOR LABOR), FESTUS NAHOLO (SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN

AFFAIRS) AND FRANS KAMBANGULA (SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT). SWAPO'S SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS, LUCIA HAMUTENYA, TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT AS A RESULT OF THE DETENTIONS AND THE EARLIER DEPARTURE FROM NAMIBIA OF A NUMBER OF SWAPO LEADERS (CAPE TOWN 641), SHE IS THE ONLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER STILL FREE AND ACTIVE IN WINDHOEK. HAMUTENYA SAID ANOTHER EXECUTIVE, SECRETARY OF THE YOUTH LEAGUE NASHILONGO TAAIPOPI, HAD RECENTLY LEFT NAMIBIA FOR AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION. SHE ADDED THAT THE LATEST ARRESTS BRING THE NUMBER OF SWAPO MEMBERS NOW UNDER VARIOUS SORTS OF DETENTION TO 29. WHILE AN SABC RADIO REPORT OF APRIL 26 SAID THAT MOST OF THE REST OF THESE WERE BEING HELD FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES, HAMUTENYA INDICATED THAT MOST OR ALL HAD NOT BEEN CHARGED AND THAT SOME, SUCH AS AXEL JOHANNES, WERE BEING HELD UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT.

3. THE NINE OTHER SWAPO MEMBERS DETAINED UNDER THE NEW SECURITY PROCLAMATION ARE: ENGELHARDT GARISEB, MARKUS HAUSIKU, SKINNY HILUNDUA, ANNA KAMBAMBO, ADOLF KAURE, HELEN UWUKAIS, WILLIAM HEUVA, JOHANNES NOETEB AND MULANDULENI ITOPE.

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